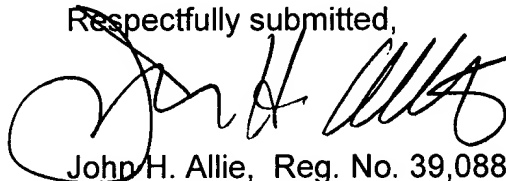


REMARKS

The Applicant's Representative wishes to make of record that the paper mailed April 22, 2005 indicated that the appeal brief was not acceptable. More specifically, the paper provided that "[t]he appeal brief is found defective because there is no grouping of claims and it does not specified which claim(s) stand(s) or fall(s) together." Patent Office Communication dated April 22, 2005, p. 3. Further, the document mailed from the United States Patent Office did not set a time for correcting any issues in the brief.

The Applicant's Representative spoke with Examiner Nguyen about these issues and the Examiner stated that he had discussed this matter with his supervisor, Carl Friedman, and that the Appeal Brief is acceptable as 37 CFR 41.37(c)(7) does not require a grouping of the claims. More specifically, Examiner Nguyen informed the Applicant's Representative that there is no need to file an amended brief and that the brief complies with the Patent Office's requirements. If there are any questions regarding this matter, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call.

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